

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning Form PTO/SB/08 A & B filed on June 19, 2003, thus indicating that all of the references listed thereon have been considered.

Drawings:

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as previously indicated. Applicant submits herewith replacement drawings with corrected margins and hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above objection.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant sincerely thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-9 and 16-32 have been allowed, and that although claims 12 and 13 have been objected to, these claims would also be allowable if written in independent form.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-32 are all of the claims pending in the present application, and currently claims 10, 11, 14 and 15 stand rejected.

35 U.S.C. § 102(a) Rejection - Claims 10, 11, 14 and 15:

Claims 10, 11, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,127,945 to Mura-Smith. In view of the following discussion, Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejection.

In rejecting claim 10, the Examiner relies on the teachings of Mura-Smith at col. 3, lines 54-62, col. 8 lines 4-8 and Figure 3, and alleges that these portions disclose each and every

feature of the claimed invention. Applicant disagrees. In the claimed invention, a terminal detector detects if a mobile terminal device exists in a first region on a path. Applicant submits that this is not disclosed in Mura-Smith.

Specifically, in Mura-Smith there is no disclosure of a device or a component which corresponds to the terminal detector of the claimed invention. Instead, Mura-Smith teaches only a portable unit 10 that has a position determining system 42 to determine the position information of the portable unit 10 itself. The portable unit 10 generates new position information when the unit 10 moves to a new position. However, this is different from the present invention.

Contrary to Mura-Smith, the “host device” of claim 10 does not determine the position of itself. Instead the host device transmits a map to a mobile device, and to accomplish this, the host device contains a terminal detector which detects if the mobile terminal is in a first region on a path. No such teaching or disclosure exists in Mura-Smith.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that Mura-Smith fails to disclose each and every feature of the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant submits that Mura-Smith fails to anticipate the claimed invention, as required under the provisions 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) rejection of claims 10, 11, 14 and 15.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

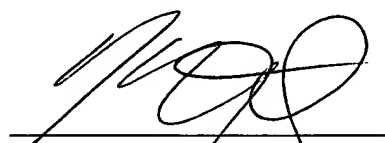
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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